



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE
UPDATE

DATE: May 16, 2011

Approved

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The following key activities are highlighted in this report:

Schools/City Collaborative new Co-Chair and 2011-12 Meeting Dates - The Schools/City Collaborative (SCC) meeting dates for 2011-12 are October 12th, February 8th and May 9th at the Campbell Union High School District Offices (3235 Union Avenue) from 7:30am- 9:00am. Additionally, Dr. Charles Weis, Superintendent of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, was selected by his colleagues to serve as the Co-Chair of the Schools/City Collaborative in 2011 - 2012. In August, the Issues Working Group (IWG) will resume meeting to prioritize the overarching issues impacting both the City of San Jose and School Districts and incorporate into the upcoming year's work plan. The priorities of the SCC continue to be School Safety, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, and Neighborhood Services and Joint Use. For more information, contact Norberto Dueñas, Deputy City Manager/Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, at (408) 535-8180.

Presentation on Effective School Engagement for High Risk Youth – On May 13th, Dr. Ken Seeley, Founder of the Partnership for Families and Children, National Center for School Engagement, presented to over 100 non-profit, school district and local government leaders about Less Punitive Alternatives to Zero Tolerance Policies and Practices. Some of the major event sponsors leading and engaging in a dialogue on this issue included members of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, the Office of the Public Defender and the County Office of Education. For more information, contact Ernest Azevedo at (408) 525-8119.

Presentation and Discussion on the Adult School Crossing Guard Program – On May 11th, a special meeting was held with the Issues Working Group and other Superintendents from school districts that would be affected by reductions to the Adult School Crossing Guard Program. The Police Department, with assistance from DOT, discussed the results of the study that evaluated all staffed intersections in 2010 within the program, including those on the waiting list, and the scores of each section with an updated safety index. Additionally, the Police and Transportation Department staff will continue to work with the various schools currently receiving crossing guard services to pilot alternative service models, such as volunteer programs, school safety patrol program, walking school bus programs, and look at sites where a combination of guards and volunteers could be utilized. The Police Department is currently working on updating its

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feedback and shared in the commitment to leverage existing resources, pilot alternative service models and work together to communicate with parents on any changes to the program. For more information, contact Lisa Perez at (408) 277-2450.

SJ2020 – Closing the Achievement Gap Update – Since the launch of SJ2020 in late 2009, outreach and engagement of community agencies has been ongoing. Through a series of meetings with the Mayor's Office, district superintendents and community organizations, a set of primary metrics for SJ2020 and a framework have been developed for conceptualizing and organizing the work. Thirteen student outcome indicators, ranging from kindergarten readiness to the numbers of San Jose graduates completing undergraduate degrees, have been identified and will be used to monitor overall progress toward the goals of SJ2020. The majority of these metrics are based on measures collected by the California Department of Education STAR testing system and so are high-impact measures for local districts and policy makers. The data for the post high school indicators (SJ Graduates enrolled in post-secondary, etc.) are less readily available and will require the development of new tracking systems. The Santa Clara County Office of Education recently released a report on the Baseline Metrics providing a baseline for developing collective strategies and tracking progress of the SJ2020 initiative over time. Additionally, on June 20, 2011, the SJ2020 Leadership Council, Co-Chaired by Mayor Reed and Dr. Weis, will meet to evaluate the results and discuss next steps. For more information, contact Jeff Janssen, Senior Policy Advisor, Mayor's Office, at (408) 535-4814.

Bay Area Schools Environmental Conference Draws 300 Attendees – On April 30, the Environmental Services Department hosted the fifth annual Bay Area Schools Environmental Conference at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. The event was coordinated with the help of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services staff and drew approximately 300 teachers, parents, and administrators from throughout the Bay Area. The conference served as an educational forum, resource fair, and networking opportunity to help attendees to launch or improve environmental work within their own schools. During a special presentation, Board Members of the Michael Lee Environmental Foundation honored the Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding School awardees with the Frank Schiavo Memorial Environmental Excellence Award, which included monetary awards of \$500 each. The day concluded with the Green Star Awards Ceremony where eight individuals and schools from throughout the Bay Area were recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments in school sustainability programs. For more information, contact Reena Brilliot at 975-2533.

Announcement of Retiring and New Superintendents for 2011 – 12 – On June 30th, the following Superintendents will be retiring

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| 1. (Ret.) Glen Ishiwata, Moreland School District
Incoming Superintendent (July 1) – Mark Barmore | 2. (Ret.) Cliff Black, Evergreen School District
Incoming Superintendent (July 1) – Kathy Gomez |
| 3. (Ret.) Marc Liebman, Berryessa School District
Conducting Search for new Superintendent | 4. (Ret.) George Perez, Mount Pleasant School District
Incoming Superintendent (July 1) – Mariann Engle |

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3. **(Ret.)** Marc Liebman, Berryessa School District
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4. **(Ret.)** George Perez, Mount Pleasant School District
Incoming Superintendent (July 1) – Mariann Engle
5. **(Ret.)** Steve Stavis, Santa Clara Unified School District
Incoming Superintendent (July 1) – Bobbie Plough

During the summer, staff plans to schedule meetings to meet with the new Superintendents from each of the five school districts. For more information, contact Ernest Azevedo at (408) 525-8119.



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